

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A magnetic head for reproducing a signal recorded  
on a recording medium, includes a substrate, a magnetic head  
core provided on the substrate, having a magnetic gap, and  
a magnetoresistance device provided on the magnetic head  
core. The magnetic head core is provided in such a manner  
that a thickness direction of the magnetic head core around  
the magnetic gap is substantially the same as a track width  
10 direction of the recording medium.